



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 14, 2021

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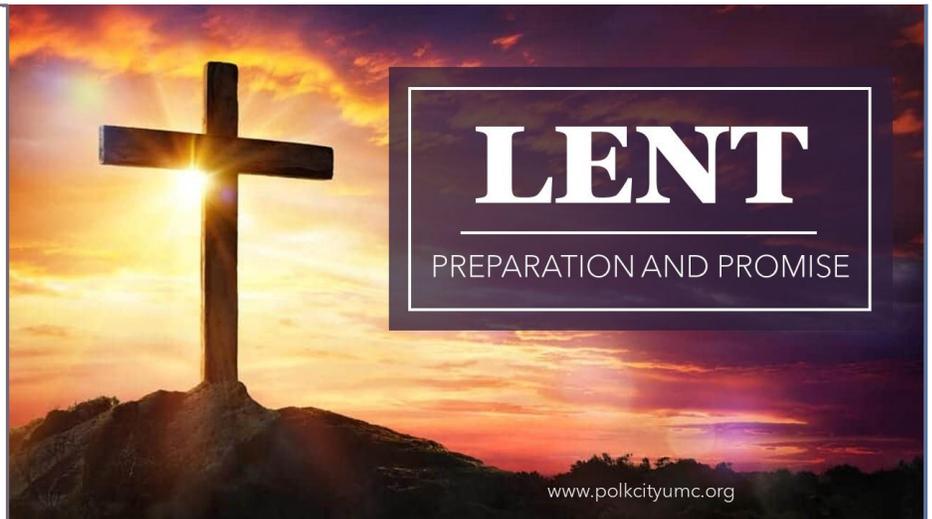
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LENT

PREPARATION AND PROMISE

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Worship online: [Facebook Live](#) or on our [Website](#)

All words for communal speaking are included below. You are encouraged to either speak the words in bold aloud as you worship, and to sing out your praise, or to attend to these words for worship and meditate on their meaning.

You are also invited to greet one another and post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or to fill out the [website](#) connect card.

CENTERING MOMENT

As we center ourselves for worship today, we will consider what Jesus meant when he tells his disciples that he must be lifted up, in the same way that Moses was instructed to lift up a snake in the wilderness. Jesus will ask them, and all of us, to “look up and live.” As we light the candles for worship, give thanks for God’s promise of salvation. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. Come, let us worship

SONG OF PRAISE

“Mighty to Save”

OPENING PRAYER

Amber Schelling

Gracious God, so often we have missed your presence because we are looking for you clothed in a particular way. Let this time of worship be an encounter with you that will enable us to behold you in all the people we meet and all the situations we greet. You are from everlasting to everlasting, so we are confident that you are here; help us to be aware of your holy presence. O Lord, enrich this act of worship with the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carol Parrott

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

Donald Perschall

SONG OF PREPARATION

“What a Beautiful Name”

SERMON

“Pay Attention to the Promise”

Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck

PASTORAL PRAYER

Angela Cupp

Post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Make your offering [online](#) or mail checks to 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226 (Attn: Finance Secretary)

DOXOLOGY

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small

Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great and generous God, our lives are surrounded by things that steal our lives, inflict and destroy us. The tithes and offering we share with you this day are a way of keeping us focused not on the things that would take life away but will renew our lives: hope, love, compassion, empathy. As the Israelites looked to a serpent on a pole for healing, we look to a Savior on a cross to be brought back to life. In that holy name, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING

How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us. So go forth as God's beloved people, and tell others of God's saving love. Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

“Victory in Jesus”